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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0034] as follows:

Fundamental structures of the marker 101A, the marker 101B, the marker [0034] signal detecting unit 301, the marker position detecting unit 302, and the marker ID detecting unit 304 are realized in similar structures disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,136,125, and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/636,818, 09/666,892, 09/659,754, 09/628,724, 09/634,322, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R § 1.121(b)(iii)).

